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the panchayat area stating that the taxes are too heavy for them to pay and therefore these taxes should either be cancelled or reduced at least?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, the rates are fixed by the panchayat board itself. So the question of heaviness does not come in."

11-20 a.m. JANAB M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know whether the Government propose to exempt distressed weavers and unemployed weavers from the payment of house-tax?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Wherever there is distress, I think deserving weavers are being exempted from the payment of house-tax."

SRI K. V. RAMESAM :—" Will the Government at least exempt for one year those panchayats which are not willing to impose the house-tax on their inhabitants?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I think it is open to the legislature to do it."

Pudukkottai Land Mortgage Bank.

* 249 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state when the Pudukkottai Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank was formed in Pudukkottai Division, Tiruchirappalli district?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" The Pudukkottai Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank was registered on 11th April 1950 and started on 10th June 1950."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is the governing body of the bank elected or nominated and if nominated, why?"

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" It is a nominated body, Sir."

Glass Bead Training Centres.

* 250 *Q.*—JANAB M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Glass Beads Training Centres are conducted by the Government in this State;

(*b*) how many students were trained at these centres centre-war each year ever since their inception;

(*c*) how many students are undergoing training at Kasargod centre during the current year; and

(*d*) what is the annual expenditure on each centre?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (*a*) Two Glass Bangles and Beads Training centres are being conducted by the Department of Industries and Commerce—one at Kalahasti (Chittoor district) and the other at Kasargod (South Kanara district).